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PENDENT, HONESDALE, PA.,

## Pioneer Day Calls Good Crowd

For a number of years "Pioneer" day has been successfully conducted at the Clinton Center Baptist church. One of the moving spirits in this unique and delightful observance was the late E. M. Peck. His widow was again present this year and is deeply interested in every feature of the program. It was rainy on Monday in the morning, but in spite of the threatening weather there was a large attendance to partake of the bountiful dinner which the ladies had provided in the dining room of the church. As they have done before they served a delightful menu to those who came to have part in the exercises. A nominal charge is made to defray expenses and the large patronage each year shows how successful they have been in this part of the day's features.

Clinton township was settled over a hundred years ago by natives of New England many of whom drove their ox teams thru the woods from Connecticut and Massachusetts. They took up lands, built for themselves homes, reared their families, established their churches and schools and became leading citizens of Wayne county. They were mostly Baptists by early training and in their surroundings carried out the training of their family history. As a consequence there is a church at Clinton Center, South Clinton, one in the northern part of the township and one at Aldenville, of that denomination. The edifice in which this program is carried out reminds one of the New England architecture such as one finds today in the rural sections of Connecticut and Massachusetts, built and occupied by Congregationalists or Baptists.

A delightful feature and an impressive part of the program is a custom which they have had for a number of years on Pioneer day is reading the history of one of the pioneer families as part of the exercises. This year it was the Arnold family, read by one of the members whose name we did not catch. It was carefully prepared and showed the vigor of those early settlers existing in their descendants, many of whom live in Wayne county and others have moved beyond its borders and are making their successful way in the agricultural, business and industrial pursuits.

Among the attendants both around the dinner table and at the service in the auditorium were those who had come from far and near. This program is carried out each Labor day.

W. E. Rude, active in the life of the church, presided, and prayer was offered by one of the deacons of the church, Mr. Perham. Mr. Curtis had charge of the music as usual and it was inspiring as patriotic and devotional hymns were sung. A violin solo added to the interest also.

The activity of the society has been considerable this last year in behalf of the cemetery association. A plan is now inaugurated by which \$2 a year takes care of a plot, and \$50 endowment left to the incorporation guarantees the perpetual care of the plot. The editor of this paper was the speaker of the day and the address was appropriate along the lines of lessons from the lives of the pioneers, with present day application of each one's duty to his home, to his church and to his nation. Cashier L. A. Howell of Honesdale National Bank was with Mr. Pennell and Mr. Rude courteously called upon him for a few remarks which were responded to with appropriateness, impressiveness and good will.

After the exercises many lingered for a considerable time renewing acquaintances, greeting old-time friends, planning for the future of the observance and making the day another delightful experience in the history of Pioneer observance which bids fair to go down thru the generations as both helpful and inspiring. "Honor thy father and thy mother" becomes a part of the attendants habits.